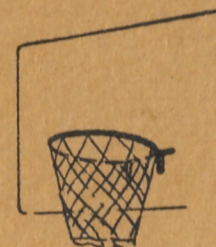


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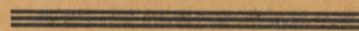


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DR. NAISMITH'S TRIBUTE TO THE "GRADS"

No other name in basketball is revered to the same extent as that of Dr. James A. Naismith, the inventor of the game, and a member of the faculty of the University of Kansas. The following tribute which Dr. Naismith so kindly paid to the "Grads" is, therefore, all the more striking:

TO THE COMMERCIAL GRADS, PAST AND PRESENT:

Permit me to add my hearty congratulations to the many that must have poured in from your host of friends and admirers on this your twenty-first birthday. Your record is without parallel in the history of basketball. There is no team that I mention more frequently in talking about the game. My admiration is not only for your remarkable record of games won (which of itself would make you stand out in the history of basketball) but also for your record of clean play, versatility in meeting teams at their own style, and more especially for your unbroken record of good sportsmanship. It is the combination of all these things that makes your record so wonderful.

My admiration and respect go to you also because you have remained unspoiled by your success, and have retained the womanly graces notwithstanding your participation in a strenuous game. You are not only an inspiration to basketball players throughout the world, but a model for all girls' teams. Your attitude and success have been a source of gratification to me in illustrating the possibilities of the game in the development of the highest type of womanhood.

Most sincerely yours,

(Sig.) JAMES NAISMITH.

FOREWORD

In offering this little booklet to the general public, the object of the club has been to present in as concise form as possible a record of factual information covering the games played by the "Grads" since the organization of the club in 1915. Times without number the members of our various teams, as well as local sports writers, have been besieged with questions relating to team and individual records. It is hoped that this booklet may serve a useful purpose by supplying answers to such questions.

It is a simple matter to claim championships, but it is something else to establish those claims from official records. May we therefore point out that every figure given in this booklet has been taken from the official scoresheet of the game involved. In this connection the club wishes to acknowledge with thanks the generous assistance of Mr. Gerald Whitley, who has painstakingly recorded the details of every game played by the Grads since they won their first Canadian title in 1922.

COMMERCIAL GRADUATES CLUB.

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1914 the Harold A. Wilson Company, of Toronto, donated a shield for competition among girls' teams in Alberta. The first game for this shield was played between McDougall Commercial High School, Edmonton, and Camrose Normal School. The following year the student team of Commercial High became known as the Commercial "Grads". In 1924 the Wilson Trophy was replaced by a cup donated by Miss Edna Bakewell, of the University of Alberta, and all subsequent games have been played under the jurisdiction of the Alberta Basketball Association. The following is a complete record of all games played for these two trophies.

1914—McDougall Commercial	12	Camrose Normal	7	1926—Commercial Grads	32	Gradettes	10
1915—Commercial Grads	13	Camrose Normal	2	Commercial Grads	47	Gradettes	23
1916—Commercial Grads	32	Wetaskiwin High	14	1927—Commercial Grads	22	Calgary Centrals	10
1917—Retained by Grads; no challenge filed.				Commercial Grads	47	Calgary Centrals	12
1918—Commercial Grads	17	Stettler High	7	1928—Commercial Grads	37	Calgary Centrals	9 (d)
1919—Commercial Grads	21	University	18	1929—Commercial Grads	43	Calgary Centrals	13
1920—Commercial Grads	24	University	19	Commercial Grads	46	Calgary Centrals	10
1921—Commercial Grads	17	University	13	1930—Commercial Grads	56	Calgary Centrals	14
Commercial Grads	23	University	29 (a)	Commercial Grads	31	Calgary Centrals	15
1922—Commercial Grads	56	Barons High	14	1931—Commercial Grads	104	Calgary Centrals	24
1923—Commercial Grads	22	Barons High	2	Commercial Grads	38	Calgary Centrals	27
1924—Commercial Grads	27	University	13	1932—Commercial Grads	63	Gradettes	29
Commercial Grads	21	University	15 (b)	Commercial Grads	80	Gradettes	39
1925—Commercial Grads	12	Varsconas	11	1933—Commercial Grads	87	Gradettes	43
Commercial Grads	18	Varsconas	22 (c)	Commercial Grads	78	Gradettes	35
Commercial Grads	21	Varsconas	11				

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1934—Commercial Grads	35	Calgary Beavers	22	1936—Gradettes	31	Calgary Wittichens	25 (e)
Commercial Grads	99	Calgary Beavers	21	Gradettes	34	Calgary Wittichens	37
1935—Commercial Grads	59	Calgary Beavers	27	1937—Commercial Grads	74	Calgary Beavers	27
Commercial Grads	48	Calgary Beavers	26	Commercial Grads	58	Calgary Beavers	31
		1938—Commercial Grads	52	Calgary Buffaloes	32		
		Commercial Grads	56	Calgary Buffaloes	13		

Summary: Grads have won 23 out of a possible 24 provincial titles, and 36 out of 38 games played. Average point score in provincial games, 44 to 19.

- (a) In 1921 the University protested the playing of Connie Smith on the ground that she was still a student of Commercial High, and not eligible to play as a "Grad". The game was replayed, with Connie a spectator, and the University won.
- (b) Regular two-game series were instituted in 1924.
- (c) The Grads and Varsconas played a best-two-in-three series in 1925, the Grads winning the first and third games.
- (d) Only one game was played in 1928, the Calgary Centrals deciding they were not strong enough to justify a second game.
- (e) In 1936 the Grads did not compete by reason of going to the Olympic Games at Berlin; however, the Gradettes stepped into the breach and retained the title for the Grad organization.

WESTERN CANADIAN FINALS

1926—Commercial Grads	18	Vancouver "Canucks"	13	(Vancouver)
Commercial Grads	25	Vancouver "Canucks"	12	
1927—Commercial Grads	34	Vancouver "Canucks"	19	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	30	Vancouver "Canucks"	18	
1928—Commercial Grads	40	University of B. C.	24	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	24	University of B. C.	21	
1929—Commercial Grads	59	Vancouver "Meralomas"	20	(Edmonton)*
1930—Commercial Grads	37	University of B. C.	20	(Vancouver)
Commercial Grads	26	University of B. C.	14	
1931—No series played				
1932—Commercial Grads	100	Vancouver "Witches"	45	(Edmonton)**
Commercial Grads	98	Vancouver "Witches"	56	
1933—Commercial Grads	94	Vancouver "Province"	58	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	74	Vancouver "Province"	42	
1934—Commercial Grads	45	Vancouver "Province"	27	(Vancouver)
Commercial Grads	35	Vancouver "Province"	30	



MARGARET MACBURNERY



ELSIE BENNIE

FIRST CANADIAN CHAMPIONS » THE "GRADS" OF 1922



DAISY JOHNSON

J. PERCY PAGE

NELLIE PERRY

ELEANOR MOUNTIFIELD
(CAPT.)

DOROTHY JOHNSON

CONNIE SMITH

WINNIE MARTIN

1935—Commercial Grads	63	Vancouver "Province"	24	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	64	Vancouver "Province"	42	
1936—No series played; Grads attended Olympic Games				
1937—Commercial Grads	43	Vancouver "Spencers"	15	(Vancouver)
Commercial Grads	37	Vancouver "Spencers"	26	
1938—Commercial Grads	80	Victoria "Superiors"	34	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	78	Victoria "Superiors"	19	

Summary: The Grads have won all 21 games played. Average point score, 52 to 28.

* Only one game was played in 1929.

** In this series, 299 points were scored, the highest ever made by the Grads and their opponents.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first Canadian championship series was held in London in 1922, when the Grads met the London "Shamrocks". One game was played under boys' rules and one under girls' rules which accounts for the unusual scores in this particular series. Since 1923 all games have been played under boys' rules which are now official throughout Canada.

1922—Commercial Grads	8	London "Shamrocks"	21	(London)
Commercial Grads	41	London "Shamrocks"	8	
1923—Commercial Grads	34	London "Shamrocks"	22	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	17	London "Shamrocks"	6	
1924—Commercial Grads	26	Toronto Ladies A. C.	6	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	23	Toronto Ladies A. C.	14	
1925—Commercial Grads	18	Toronto Y. W. H. A.	1	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	17	Toronto Y. W. H. A.	10	
1926—Commercial Grads	19	Toronto "Lakesides"	24	(Toronto)
Commercial Grads	27	Toronto "Lakesides"	6	
1927—Commercial Grads	34	Toronto "Lakesides"	24	(Toronto)
Commercial Grads	19	Toronto "Lakesides"	14	



UNDERWOOD INTERNATIONAL TROPHY

PARIS OLYMPIC TEAM » THE "GRADS" OF 1924



ELEANOR MOUNTIFIELD
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CONNIE SMITH
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WINNIE MARTIN
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DOROTHY JOHNSON

1928—Commercial Grads	64	Halifax University	6	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	83	Halifax University	12	
1929—No championship held				
1930—Commercial Grads	47	Toronto "Lakesides"	17	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	41	Toronto "Lakesides"	27	
1929—No championships held.				
1932—Commercial Grads	60	Windsor "Alumnae"	32	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	46	Windsor "Alumnae"	18	
1933—Commercial Grads	79	Toronto Ladies A. C.	24	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	72	Toronto Ladies A. C.	32	
1934—Commercial Grads	84	Windsor "Alumnae"	20	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	47	Windsor "Alumnae"	30	
Commercial Grads	57	Windsor "Alumnae"	30	
1935—Commercial Grads	34	Windsor "Alumnae"	30	(Windsor)
Commercial Grads	58	Windsor "Alumnae"	31	
Commercial Grads	44	Windsor "Alumnae"	31	
1936—No championships held; Grads attended Olympic Games				
1937—No championships held				
1938—Commercial Grads	72	Toronto "Consols"	28	(Edmonton)
Commercial Grads	66	Toronto "Consols"	29	
Commercial Grads	58	Toronto "Consols"	13	

Summary: The Grads have never lost a Canadian championship series. They have played 29 games, winning 27 games and losing two. The average point score per game has been 45 to 20.

"GRAD" CAPTAINS

1914 - 1915	Nellie Batson*
1915 - 1918	Winnie Martin**
1918 - 1919	Elena Todd
1919 - 1921	Winnie Martin
1921 - 1922	Eleanor Mountifield
1922 - 1924	Winnie Martin
1924 - 1926	Connie Smith
1926 - 1927	Dorothy Johnson
1927 - 1932	Elsie Bennie
1932 - 1935	Margaret MacBurney
1935 - 1936	Gladys Fry
1936 -	Noel MacDonald

* Miss Batson was captain of the first Commercial High School team out of which the "Grads" were formed.

**Miss Martin was the first captain of the "Grads" and held that honor from 1915 to 1924 except for two years when she was attending university.

UNDERWOOD INTERNATIONAL TROPHY GAMES

In 1923, in order to encourage basketball among girls' teams, and particularly teams in Canada and the United States, the Underwood Typewriter Company donated the "Underwood Trophy" for competition on a challenge basis. In order to challenge, a team must hold the championship of its own province or state. Some of the greatest games ever played have featured the struggle for this trophy which has never left the hands of the Grads since it was first won by them in their memorable series against the Cleveland "Favorite-Knits" in 1923.

1923—Commercial Grads	19	Cleveland "Favorite-Knits"	13	Commercial Grads	20	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	17
Commercial Grads	34	Cleveland "Favorite-Knits"	20	Commercial Grads	25	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	20
Commercial Grads	41	Toronto "Maple Leafs"	11	Commercial Grads	35	Warren "National Lamps"	8
Commercial Grads	26	Toronto "Maple Leafs"	13	Commercial Grads	27	Warren "National Lamps"	13

AMSTERDAM OLYMPIC TEAM » THE "GRADS" OF 1928



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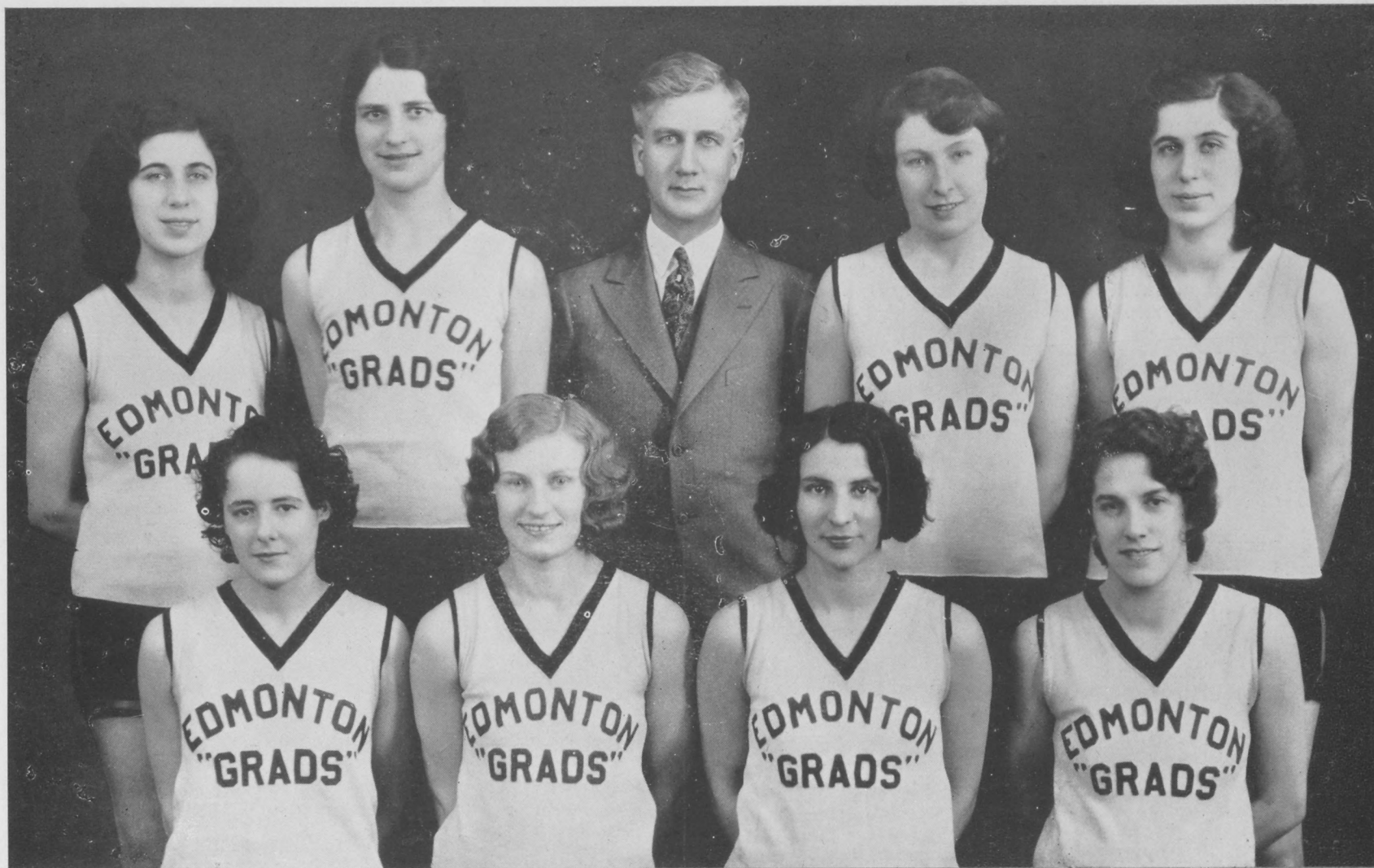
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GLADYS FRY
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1924—Commercial Grads	44	Chicago "Lakeviews"	11	1930—Commercial Grads	56	Seattle "Ferry Lines"	17
Commercial Grads	40	Chicago "Lakeviews"	10	Commercial Grads	53	Seattle "Ferry Lines"	33
Commercial Grads	22	Cleveland "Favorite-Knits"	7	Commercial Grads	24	Chicago "Taylor-Trunks"	34*
Commercial Grads	40	Cleveland "Favorite-Knits"	19	Commercial Grads	40	Chicago "Taylor-Trunks"	13
Commercial Grads	33	Warren Elks	11	1931—Commercial Grads	80	Chicago "F. P. Cardinals"	33
Commercial Grads	33	Warren Elks	20	Commercial Grads	109	Chicago "F. P. Cardinals"	24
Commercial Grads	26	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	13	Commercial Grads	62	Leavittsburg "Aces"	51
Commercial Grads	39	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	8	Commercial Grads	84	Leavittsburg "Aces"	41
1925—Commercial Grads	29	Chicago "Lakeviews"	14	Commercial Grads	82	Pocatello "Indians"	20
Commercial Grads	22	Chicago "Lakeviews"	13	Commercial Grads	113	Pocatello "Indians"	22
Commercial Grads	51	Minneapolis "Ascensions"	9	1932—Commercial Grads	44	Chicago "Red Devils"	34
Commercial Grads	33	Minneapolis "Ascensions"	3	Commercial Grads	49	Chicago "Red Devils"	25
Commercial Grads	24	Guthrie "Red Birds"	14	1933—Commercial Grads	74	Chicago "Red Devils"	35
Commercial Grads	21	Guthrie "Red Birds"	5	Commercial Grads	60	Chicago "Red Devils"	48
Commercial Grads	35	Chicago "Tri-Chis"	12	Commercial Grads	75	Chicago "Rickett's Cafe"	35
Commercial Grads	34	Chicago "Tri-Chis"	8	Commercial Grads	54	Chicago "Rickett's Cafe"	29
1926—Commercial Grads	19	St. Louis "Curlees"	14	Commercial Grads	54	Chicago "Rickett's Cafe"	38
Commercial Grads	24	St. Louis "Curlees"	8	1934—Commercial Grads	100	Chicago "Spencer Coals"	39
Commercial Grads	32	Guthrie "Red Birds"	9	Commercial Grads	46	Chicago "Spencer Coals"	37
Commercial Grads	45	Guthrie "Red Birds"	9	1935—Commercial Grads	60	Des Moines "A. I. B."	28
Commercial Grads	31	Detroit "Centrals"	30	Commercial Grads	49	Des Moines "A. I. B."	41
Commercial Grads	34	Detroit "Centrals"	27	Commercial Grads	56	Des Moines "A. I. B."	28
1927—Commercial Grads	33	St. Louis "Undertakers"	13	Commercial Grads	54	Chicago "Usherettes"	36
Commercial Grads	33	St. Louis "Undertakers"	14	Commercial Grads	42	Chicago "Usherettes"	27
Commercial Grads	25	Cleveland "Newman-Sterns"	10	Commercial Grads	55	St. Louis "Shaw Stephens"	20
Commercial Grads	28	Cleveland "Newman-Sterns"	22	Commercial Grads	51	St. Louis "Shaw Stephens"	24
Commercial Grads	27	Chicago "Taylor-Trunks"	19	Commercial Grads	43	St. Louis "Shaw Stephens"	24
Commercial Grads	39	Chicago "Taylor-Trunks"	8	1936—Commercial Grads	54	Des Moines "A. I. B."	40
Commercial Grads	69	Minneapolis "Bankers"	5	Commercial Grads	43	Des Moines "A. I. B."	37
Commercial Grads	57	Minneapolis "Bankers"	7	Commercial Grads	40	El Dorado "Lion Oilers"	44**
1928—Commercial Grads	26	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	12	Commercial Grads	37	El Dorado "Lion Oilers"	35
Commercial Grads	44	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	26	Commercial Grads	38	El Dorado "Lion Oilers"	29
1929—Commercial Grads	56	Seattle "Gerald's Cafe"	24	Commercial Grads	41	El Dorado "Lion Oilers"	24
Commercial Grads	37	Seattle "Gerald's Cafe"	16	1937—Commercial Grads	50	Cleveland "Fisher Foods"	24
Commercial Grads	33	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	11	Commercial Grads	42	Cleveland "Fisher Foods"	17
Commercial Grads	43	Chicago "Uptown Brownies"	14	Commercial Grads	48	Cleveland "Fisher Foods"	26
Commercial Grads	56	Detroit "Centrals"	14	Commercial Grads	53	Wichita "Thurstons"	18
Commercial Grads	29	Detroit "Centrals"	17				
Commercial Grads	50	Cleveland "Blepp-Knits"	31				
Commercial Grads	27	Cleveland "Blepp-Knits"	13				

LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC TEAM » THE "GRADS" OF 1932



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DORIS NEALE

Commercial Grads	48	Wichita "Thurstons"	12
Commercial Grads	46	Wichita "Thurstons"	25
Commercial Grads	31	Tulsa "Stenographers"	23
Commercial Grads	38	Tulsa "Stenographers"	29
Commercial Grads	35	Tulsa "Stenographers"	46*
Commercial Grads	27	Tulsa "Stenographers"	19

1938—Commercial Grads	40	Chicago "All-Stars"	33
Commercial Grads	42	Chicago "All-Stars"	26
Commercial Grads	40	Chicago "All-Stars"	31
Commercial Grads		Cleveland "Fisher Foods"	***
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Summary: Out of 94 games played for the Underwood Trophy the Grads have won 91 and lost three; average point score, 44 to 22.

* Games lost. In the series against the Taylor-Trunks (May 3rd and 5th, 1930) the Grads lost the first game by a score of 34 to 24. This loss broke a consecutive string of 78 wins. At the second game, which the Grads won by a score of 40 to 13, all records for attendance at any sporting event in Edmonton were broken when 6,792 spectators jammed their way into the arena.

** In 1933 the Durant "Cardinals" defeated the Grads in a series played to determine which team should represent North America at the Olympic Games. The Grads had to wait three years before meeting the same team again. On this occasion (May 28th to June 3rd, 1936) the Durant team played under the sponsorship of the Lion Oil Company, of El Dorado. The Grads won three games of the best-of-five series.

*** The 1938 series between the Grads and the Cleveland "Fisher Foods", to be played in Edmonton, was arranged but had not been played when this booklet went to press.

CANADIAN EXHIBITION GAMES

In practically every case these games were played on the courts of the Grads' opponents, and usually on trips in connection with the Canadian finals.

1920—Commercial Grads	53	Saskatoon Varsity	8
Commercial Grads	47	Saskatoon Y.W.C.A.	15
1922—Commercial Grads	46	Lethbridge "Aces"	11
Commercial Grads	19	St. Thomas C. I.	16
Commercial Grads	29	Toronto "All-Stars"	11
1924—Commercial Grads	28	Calgary "All-Stars"	0
1925—Commercial Grads	36	Winnipeg "Normals"	21
Commercial Grads	30	Victoria "Stars"	6
Commercial Grads	34	Kamloops "Stars"	7
Commercial Grads	35	Victoria "Stars"	8
Commercial Grads	23	Kamloops Boys	20
1926—Commercial Grads	44	Winnipeg "Stars"	9
Commercial Grads	40	London "Grads"	15
1928—Commercial Grads	55	Port Arthur	9
Commercial Grads	61	Hamilton "Stars"	14
Commercial Grads	56	Calgary "Chinooks"	9

1929—Commercial Grads	23	Toronto "Parkdales"	17
Commercial Grads	31	Toronto "All-Stars"	15
Commercial Grads	50	Regina "Torrid Zones"	12
1930—Commercial Grads	50	Kelowna "All-Stars"	18
1931—Commercial Grads	44	Gradettes	20
Commercial Grads	123	Toronto "All-Stars"	19*
Commercial Grads	100	Toronto "All-Stars"	18
1932—Commercial Grads	32	Prince Rupert Boys	26
Commercial Grads	72	Victoria "Stars"	24
Commercial Grads	70	Gradettes	28
Commercial Grads	84	Regina "Smeeds"	23
1933—Commercial Grads	84	Calgary "Stars"	22
1934—Commercial Grads	81	Gradettes	29
Commercial Grads	62	Gradettes	41
Commercial Grads	104	Fort William	8

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BERLIN OLYMPIC TEAM » THE "GRADS" OF 1936



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DORIS NEALE

Commercial Grads	63	Montreal "Stars"	6
Commercial Grads	49	Toronto "All-Stars"	12
Commercial Grads	64	Winnipeg "Eagles"	4
Commercial Grads	81	Gradettes	10
1935—Commercial Grads	98	Gradettes	22
Commercial Grads	107	Gradettes	13
Commercial Grads	51	Winnipeg "Eagles"	17
Commercial Grads	116	Saskatoon "Grads"	15

1936—Commercial Grads	90	Regina "All-Stars"	16
Commercial Grads	107	Peterborough "Stars"	6
Commercial Grads	99	Ottawa "All-Stars"	11
Commercial Grads	90	Montreal "Stars"	20
Commercial Grads	47	Gradettes	25
1937—Commercial Grads	58	Victoria "Superiors"	10
Commercial Grads	70	Calgary "Rep" team	27

Summary: The Grads have won all 46 of the above exhibition games, and, in addition, 15 others against Edmonton teams. Total won, 61; lost, none. Average point score per game, 63 to 16.

* In 1931 the Canadian finals were not played. During the fall, the Toronto team that had qualified for the eastern finals played a two-game series with the Grads.

AMERICAN EXHIBITION GAMES

These games were all played away from home, and had no bearing on any title.

1925—July	6—Commercial Grads	47	Fort Worth, Texas	6
July	12—Commercial Grads	27	Pasadena, California	7
July	15—Commercial Grads	62	San Francisco, Cal.	2
1926—April	5—Commercial Grads	19	Chicago, Ill.	17
April	6—Commercial Grads	24	Warren, Ohio	19
April	7—Commercial Grads	16	Cleveland, Ohio	23
April	8—Commercial Grads	26	Cleveland, Ohio	21
April	9—Commercial Grads	10	Cleveland, Ohio	15*
April	10—Commercial Grads	8	Cleveland, Ohio	13**

1927—April	24—Commercial Grads	29	Norwalk, Conn.	26
April	26—Commercial Grads	22	Detroit, Mich.	15
April	29—Commercial Grads	23	Chicago, Ill.	17
1930—August	6—Commercial Grads	33	Seattle, Wash.	22
August	7—Commercial Grads	34	Seattle, Wash.	8
August	16—Commercial Grads	67	San Francisco, Cal.	1
1932—May	16—Commercial Grads	27	Chicago, Ill.	18***
August	14—Commercial Grads	40	San Francisco, Cal.	7
1933—May	17—Commercial Grads	67	Chicago, Ill.	53

Summary: Games played, 18; won, 15, lost 3. Average point score, 32 to 16.

* These games played against Cleveland formed part of a series of ten games which the Grads played on 11 consecutive nights. The first two games were played in Cleveland, and the last two in New York. Transparent plate glass backboards were used in all four games, a tremendous handicap to the Grads who had never used them in any previous game.

** The smallest score ever recorded by the Grads.

*** This game against Chicago was played in Calgary as a benefit contest staged by the B. P. O. Elks.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS » THE "GRADS" OF 1937



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INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1933 the first official series for the North American championship was held between the Commercial Grads (Canadian champions) and the Durant "Cardinals", winners of the American national tournament, held annually at Wichita, Kansas. Such a series is staged each year. It should be noted that these series differ from those staged for the Underwood Trophy inasmuch as ONLY national winners may compete for the North American title, while provincial and state winners may compete for the Underwood Trophy.

1933—June	3—Commercial Grads	52	Durant "Cardinals"	59	May	29—Commercial Grads	37	Tulsa "Stenographers"	30
June	5—Commercial Grads	48	Durant "Cardinals"	83*	June	1—Commercial Grads	43	Tulsa "Stenographers"	40
June	7—Commercial Grads	43	Durant "Cardinals"	45	1936—April	21—Commercial Grads	42	Tulsa "Stenographers"	24
1934—June	9—Commercial Grads	41	Tulsa "Stenographers"	31	April	23—Commercial Grads	34	Tulsa "Stenographers"	24
June	11—Commercial Grads	35	Tulsa "Stenographers"	28	April	25—Commercial Grads	33	Tulsa "Stenographers"	40
June	13—Commercial Grads	48	Tulsa "Stenographers"	41	April	27—Commercial Grads	35	Tulsa "Stenographers"	30
1935—May	25—Commercial Grads	53	Tulsa "Stenographers"	49	1937—No series played; see below.				
May	27—Commercial Grads	49	Tulsa "Stenographers"	53					

Summary: In 1937 the American title was won by a team from Little Rock. The team disbanded immediately following the tournament, and did not file a challenge for the N. A. title. Two of the other three teams that played in the semi-finals (Tulsa and Wichita) filed challenges for the Underwood Trophy, the results of these games being shown elsewhere.

Out of 14 games played, the Grads have won nine and lost five, and have won three of the four series. The average point score has been 42 to 41.

* This game was played under girls' rules, with which the Grads were entirely unfamiliar.

GAMES PLAYED COINCIDENT WITH THE OLYMPICS

Grad clubs have attended four sets of Olympic Games; at Paris in 1924; Amsterdam, 1928; Los Angeles, 1932, and Berlin, 1936. Basketball for girls has never been an official event on any of these programs, but through the courtesy of the Federation Sportive Feminine Internationale a series of exhibition games has been arranged on each occasion of the Grads' visits to Europe, with the following results:

Summary: Played 27 games; won 27. Average point score, 69 to 11.

1924—Commercial Grads	64	Paris	16	Commercial Grads	109	Paris	20
Commercial Grads	65	Paris	12	Commercial Grads	81	Lyons	9
Commercial Grads	69	Paris	17	Commercial Grads	68	Milan	2
Commercial Grads	37	Strasbourg	8*	Commercial Grads	67	Luxemburg	6
Commercial Grads	65	Roubaix	4	Commercial Grads	88	Rheims	11
Commercial Grads	61	Lille	1	Commercial Grads	87	Strasbourg	6
1928—Commercial Grads	65	Paris	18	Commercial Grads	53	Paris	14
Commercial Grads	46	Paris	14*				

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1932—Commercial Grads	40	San Francisco	7	1936 Commercial Grads	67	Rome	8
Commercial Grads	32	Prince Rupert	26**	(cont.) Commercial Grads	25	Milan	8
Commercial Grads	72	Victoria	24	Commercial Grads	83	Strasbourg	25
1936—Commercial Grads	100	London, England	2	Commercial Grads	87	Douai	15
Commercial Grads	85	Nice	9	Commercial Grads	87	Lens	10
Commercial Grads	77	Monte Carlo	14*	Commercial Grads	86	Paris	14***

* These teams held the European championship.

** Young men's team.

*** This Paris team was the one which unexpectedly defeated the Durant "Cardinals" at the Women's Olympics in London. The same official handled the game in London and the game in Paris.

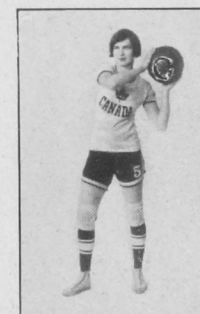
COMPLETE SUMMARY OF ALL GAMES PLAYED

When the "Grads" were formed in 1915 no one ever dreamed that the team would attain world-wide publicity. It was not until 1922 when the Grads first won the Canadian title that sufficient interest was taken in the team to justify the keeping of permanent records. In the interval from 1915 to 1922, it is believed that the team played 147 games. To this number may be added 325 official games played from 1922 to 1938, a total of 472. Of this number the Grads have won 457 and lost 15, a record believed to be without parallel in girls' sport. The following chart includes a condensed summary of all these games.



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Title	Played	Won	Lost	Pts. for	Against	Av. Score
North American	14	9	5	593	577	42 to 41
Underwood Trophy	94	91	3	4117	2044	44 to 22
Canadian Finals	29	27	2	1295	566	45 to 20
Western Finals	21	21	0	1104	580	52 to 28
Alberta Finals	38	36	2	1629	709	43 to 19
Canadian Exhibition Games	81	81	0	4551	1189	56 to 15
American Exhibition Games	18	15	3	581	290	32 to 16
European Exhibition Games	24	24	0	1722	263	72 to 11
Men's teams	6	6	0	240	199	40 to 33
	325	310	15	15832	6417	49 to 20



GLADYS FRY

Interesting Items About the "Grads"

Over a period of 23 years the Grads have played 472 games; they have won 457 and lost only 15.

The Grads have won 96.8% of their games and have scored an all-time average of 49 to 20.

From 1922 to 1938 the Grads have used only 36 players. The players on opposing teams have totalled more than 1200.

Of the above-mentioned 36 girls all but two (Gladys Fry and Mae Brown) have been students at McDougall Commercial High School.

Former captain Margaret MacBurney appeared in a Grad uniform 182 times, while former captains Gladys Fry and Elsie Bennie are next in order with 170 and 168 appearances.

The highest score ever made by the Grads was 136 points in an official game against Alberta University in 1934. Varsity scored 16 points.

The Grads have travelled more than 100,000 miles in search of, and in defence of, their many titles, including three trips to Europe.

In 1926 the Grads played ten games on 11 consecutive nights, moving quickly from Winnipeg (where the tour opened) to Chicago, Warren, Cleveland, New York, Toronto, London, and back to Toronto.

In an exhibition game at Calgary, 1924, the Grads' opponents did not score a single point, while in the Canadian finals, 1925, the Toronto Y.W.H.A. did not score a field basket in the first game.

Only five teams have ever scored 50 or more points against the Grads. On the other hand, the Grads have turned the 50 corner no less than 131 times.

In 25 consecutive games the Grads once scored 2,016 points, averaging slightly over 80 points per game. In 25 other games (not consecutive) the team scored 2,625 points, for an average of 105 per game.

Margaret MacBurney established a world free-throw record in 1931 by scoring 61 consecutive tries. Her all-time record (covering a period of ten years) was 13.2 points per game. Present captain Noel MacDonald's record is 14.7 points per game.

The Grads' field accuracy record is approximately 35%. In the western finals, 1938, the Grads scored the remarkable average of 45%. Etta Dann holds the individual accuracy record.

The largest crowd ever to attend a basketball game in Canada was 6,792 during the second game between the Grads and the Chicago "Taylor-Trunks" in the Edmonton Arena, May 5th, 1930.

After watching the Grads in action during an international series, Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, said: "The Grads have the greatest team that ever stepped out on a basketball floor".

The names of the following 36 girls appear on the official scoresheets as having taken part in one or more games during the period of 1922 to 1938: Winnie Martin, Connie Smith, Dorothy Johnson, Daisy Johnson, Eleanor Mountifield, Nellie Perry, Elizabeth Elrick, Abbie Scott, Mary Dunn, Hattie Hopkins, Helen McIntosh, Elsie Bennie, Kate Macrae, Marguerite Bailey, Margaret MacBurney, Mildred McCormack, Margaret Kinney, Joan Johnston, Gladys Fry, Babe Belanger, Doris Neale, Mae Brown, Helen Stone, Edith Stone, Evelyn Coulson, Jessie Innes, Winnie Gallen, Frances Gordon, Betty Ross, Noel MacDonald, Mabel Munton, Etta Dann, Helen Northup, Sophie Brown, Jean Williamson, Babe Daniel.

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